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## Probe Needed For Spy Agency

We are fully in accord with the demand from Senator Smathers that our Central Intelligence Agency be given a complete probing.

We agree with our thoughtful Senator, too, that this super-secret agency be placed under some sort of legislative or executive supervision.

This agency has been running high, wide and handsome with plenty of money and little or no supervision. Certainly someone should know what they are doing, how they are operating and how they are spending the millions of taxpayer dollars in our spy agency.

Unless this agency is doing a lot of fine things, that nobody knows about to offset the agency's most unbrilliant actions in some known areas, the taxpayer is paying for much more than he is getting.

This nation is taking some long chances with a agency which operates without supervision. Central Intelligence, which is paid to keep us out of trouble, might very well be the agency which gets us into trouble. Any agency with so much power should be responsible to some supervisory committee.

Our highly secret atomic energy operations have proper supervision,

and there is no reason we can see to allow Director Allen W. Dulles, or anybody else, to operate under full free-wheeling. Senator Smathers favors a legislative or executive committee to supervise our spying operations, and we think he is exactly correct in his considered opinion.